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The graduating executives from Student Government reflect on their time at Eastern.

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The Eastern softball team is in seventh place in the OVC as the end of the season nears.

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Members of the Eastern Naming Committee discusses the possible renaming of Douglas Hall during their meeting Wednesday morning on Zoom. The committee voted unanimously to recommend changing the name.

Naming Committee recommends changing name of Douglas Hall

By Corryn Brock
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Eastern's Naming Committee voted unanimously to recommend the university rename Douglas Hall Wednesday morning, ending the process that has been underway since then Sept. 11, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting.

The committee was brought together by University President David Glassman to discuss the idea of renaming following a summer that heavily focused on combatting direct and systematic racism.

"This is an issue that has been discussed and evaluated and debated for about a decade now and we've had two major university reviews of a potential name change and then during course of the summer there obviously has been a great deal of additional awareness and the whole nation is grappling with the issues of systematic racism and differential social justice and discrimination based on one's race and while the president's council was working all summer primarily on COVID-19 return to campus plans, this issue kept coming up for us in our discussions and we felt the time is now to really evaluate it again under the new light, under the current awareness that are taking place across our nation," Glassman said while restaffing the committee.

Now, the committee's recommendation will go back to Glassman and the trustees.

When the idea to bring the committee together was introduced, some trustees expressed support for a name change.

Board member Audrey Edwards said changing the name may be a good way to show consideration to Black students and community members.

"What seemed less important at that time is certainly at the forefront of people's minds now, Edwards said during the meeting. "I strongly believe that renaming the hall would be an expression of respect for the Black community that is very much needed at this point."

Philip Thompson, member pro tem of the board, said the issue has been brought up since he attended Eastern.

"This is something that when I was a student, students on campus protested about, Thompson said during the meeting. "There's not many opportunities we have to correct things that happened hundreds of years ago, so I think this is a great way for EIU to say we respect people of color, not just African American students but all people of color, and that we respect that the world is changing and we want to be on board with that."

That spirit of support continued in most forums hosted by the committee on the potential renaming, from students to faculty

and staff to community members. The majority expressed that the name should be changed, with some arguing in favor of retaining the name.

Jason Boomgarden, a sophomore English education major, spoke during the student forum. He read passages aloud to highlight the fact that both men involved in the debate had racist, pro-slavery positions at that time of the debate in Charleston.

"The reason we've kept Douglas Hall the way it's named has always been to honor the speeches that were made here, to honor the historic event," Boomgarden said. "The content of that historical event doesn't seem worth honoring in any way. It's a debate in which both people hurled racism at each other at the expense of people of color in Illinois and across America and across the world. I think that it's best that we change the name to honor someone worth honoring."

Brian Moushon, an Eastern alum now living in Georgia, shared during the community forum that he was not in favor of a name change but said multiple times he was "on the fence" about the matter.

He shared he was concerned that the renaming could lead to other places on campus being renamed or removed, like portraits in the library.

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Vote violated Illinois Open Meetings Act

By Corryn Brock
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The vote by the Naming Committee that officially recommended a name change for Douglas Hall was in violation of the Open Meetings Act which states "all votes are conducted by roll call so each member's vote on each issue can be identified and recorded," because it did not originally follow the OMA.

Later Wednesday, a PDF of the chat log and link to the recording of the meeting was released along with a statement from Ken Wetstein, Vice President of University Advancement and ex officio convener of the Naming Committee:

"Several members of the committee, while discussing a motion to recommend the renaming of Douglas Hall, expressed an interest in casting their votes on that motion via ballot vote. The committee members discussed this option and concluded that they would cast their votes on the motion via ballot vote.

To facilitate that process, the Chair of the committee directed members of the committee to communicate their votes to me (the convener of the committee, a non-voting role) via the chat function of the Zoom virtual meeting platform. After receiving the chat communications

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CAA to vote on 3 program revisions Thursday

By Corryn Brock
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The Council on Academic Affairs will vote on three revised programs during its meeting Thursday at 2 p.m.

The three programs are Pre-Occupational Therapy, Family and Consumer Sciences and Digital Media and Technology.

The rationale for the proposed pre-occupational therapy program change is "Communication with the Pre-Health professions advisor and the Biology Department Chair indicates that schools of occupational therapy are placing a growing emphasis on anatomy and physiology pre-requisites, over and above general bi-

ology courses. Adding the BIO XXXXG general education course allows students some choice with respect to meeting the general education requirement."

Rationale for the family and consumer sciences professional education program pointed to a need to update the program.

"It has been brought to our attention that with the change in state requirements, not all the MLE courses listed in the catalog under Family and Consumer Science Education will need to be included as currently listed in the Secondary Education program," according to the proposal. "This modification would bring the requirements parallel with those in Business Education and Technology Education."

If approved the change would remove MLE 3100, MLE 3150 and MLE 4001 from requirements for the program.

Another proposal requests the course PUBH 3000 be removed from the following programs/options:

- Early Child Education
- Early Child Education: Education Studies Option
- Elementary Education: Education Studies Option
- Middle Level Education
- Middle Level Education: Education Studies Option

The council will also vote on revising PUBH 2700.

"This proposal offers updates to the previous course with additions which are better matched to the trends to familiarize or update material in our ever-changing field along with the course description," according to the proposal.

Not all items had information as of press time Wednesday night.

Other items to be voted on are a Latin American Studies minor revision, a Digital Media and Technology minor revision, a new Digital Media and Technology course, and the revision of two Public Health Courses and two Digital Media and Technology courses.

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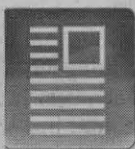


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Biden to the nation and world: 'America is rising anew'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden declared Wednesday night in his first address to a joint session of Congress that "America is rising anew," and pointed optimistically to the nation's emergence from the pandemic as a vital moment to rebuild the U.S. economy and fundamentally transform government roles in American life.

Biden marked his first 100 days in office as the nation pushes out of a menacing mix of crises, making his case before a pared-down gathering of mask-wearing legislators because of pandemic restrictions.

Speaking in highly personal terms while demanding massive structural changes, the president urged a \$1.8 trillion investment in children, families and education to help rebuild an economy devastated by the virus and compete with rising global competitors.

He speech took place in a setting unlike any other presidential address in the familiar venue, with the U.S. Capitol still surrounded by fencing after the building was stormed in January by insurrectionists protesting his election. The nationally televised ritual of a president standing before Congress for the first time was one of the most watched moments of Biden's presidency so far, a chance to sell his plans to voters of both parties, even if Republican lawmakers prove resistant.

"America is ready for takeoff. We are working again. Dreaming again. Discovering again. Leading the world again. We have shown each other and the world: There is no quit in America," Biden said. "I can report to the nation: America is on the move again," he said. "Turning peril into possibility. Crisis into opportunity. Setback into strength."

This year's scene at the front of the House chamber had a historic look: For the first time, a female vice president, Kamala Harris, was seated behind the chief executive. And she was next to another woman, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, both clad in pastel.

The first ovation came as Biden greeted, "Madam Vice President." He added "No president has ever said those words from this podium, and it's about time."

The scene was familiar yet strange, with members of Congress spread out, a

sole Supreme Court justice in attendance and many Republicans citing "scheduling conflicts" to stay away. There was no need for a "designated survivor," with so many Cabinet members not there, and the chamber was so sparsely populated that individual claps could be heard echoing off the walls.

Biden was upbeat and forceful.

"I have never been more confident or more optimistic about America," he said. "We have stared into an abyss of insurrection and autocracy — of pandemic and pain — and 'We the People' did not flinch."

He repeatedly hammered home how his plans would put Americans back to work, restoring millions of jobs lost to the virus. He laid out a sweeping proposal for universal preschool, two years of free community college, \$225 billion for child care and monthly payments of at least \$250 to parents. His ideas targeted frailties that were uncovered by the pandemic, and he argues that that economic growth will best come from taxing the rich to help the middle class and the poor.

For Biden, whose moment has been nearly a half century in the making, his speech also provided an update on combating the COVID-19 crisis he was elected to tame, showcasing hundreds of millions of vaccinations and relief checks delivered to help offset the devastation wrought by a virus that has killed more than 573,000 people in the United States. He also championed his \$2.3 trillion infrastructure plan, a staggering figure to be financed by higher taxes on corporations.

Unimpressed, Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina said in the Republicans' designated response that Biden was claiming too much credit in fighting the pandemic and reviving the economy.

"This administration inherited a tide that had already turned," Scott said. "The coronavirus is on the run."

Seizing an opportunity born of calamity, Biden has embraced major action over incremental change. But he will be forced to thread a needle between Republicans who cry government overreach and some Democrats who fear he won't go big enough.

US indicts 3 on hate crime charges in death of Ahmaud Arbery

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department brought federal hate crimes charges Wednesday in the death of Ahmaud Arbery, charging a father and son who armed themselves, chased and fatally shot the 25-year-old Black man after spotting him running in their Georgia neighborhood.

Travis McMichael and his father, Gregory, were charged along with a third man, William "Roddie" Bryan, with one count of interference with civil rights and at-

tempted kidnapping. The McMichaels are also charged with using, carrying and brandishing a firearm during a crime of violence.

The case is the most significant civil rights prosecution undertaken to date by the Biden administration Justice Department and comes as federal officials have moved quickly to open sweeping investigations into troubled police departments as civil rights takes center stage among the department's priorities.

Black, Latino nursing home deaths linked to overcrowding

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Overcrowding at some Illinois nursing homes caused a disproportionate number of preventable deaths among Black and Latino residents living in those facilities, state officials said Wednesday.

The Department of Healthcare and Family Services is proposing \$300 million in new funding for nursing homes that hire more workers or take other steps to benefit residents. Department director Theresa Eagleson told lawmakers heavy reliance on putting three or four people into one room was far more common in Medicaid-funded homes serving Black and Hispanic residents. As a result, 60% of COVID-related deaths of nursing home residents between March and July 2020 occurred in facilities where at least 10% of residents were in rooms with three or more people.

Eagleson said her department is working on a proposed change in the Medicaid rate structure that will need legislative approval. It will more closely tie enhanced rates to higher staffing levels and good performance.

Under the plan, nursing homes would pay an additional "bed tax" that the state, in turn, would use to receive a higher federal match through the Med-

icaid program. The increase would bring in about \$300 million more to improve care, according to HFS.

Donna Ginther of the Health Care Council of Illinois, which represents about half of the nursing homes in the state, said homes would be willing to contribute more revenue if it was dedicated to patient care. She also called for increased reimbursement rates in light of increased costs, saying their facilities do not have the money they need to increase staff and wages, and recruit new workers.

Democratic Rep. Lakesia Collins of Chicago, a former certified nursing assistant in nursing homes, said the understaffing issues aren't new but have been magnified by the pandemic. She said any rate reform must have safeguards to prevent homes from falsifying records to justify higher rates.

"With this industry, in particular, it's about profits over people," she said.

The report noted Illinois boosted funding for nursing homes three times in recent years but saw little improvement in staffing levels. That included \$70 million appropriated in 2019 to help nursing homes meet minimum staffing requirements.

India grieves 200,000 dead with many more probably uncounted

NEW DELHI (AP) — Three days after his coronavirus symptoms appeared, Rajendra Karan struggled to breathe. Instead of waiting for an ambulance, his son drove him to a government hospital in Lucknow, the capital of India's largest state.

But the hospital wouldn't let him in without a registration slip from the district's chief medical officer. By the time the son got it, his father had died in the car, just outside the hospital doors.

"My father would have been alive today if the hospital had just admitted him instead of waiting for a piece of paper," Rohitas Karan said.

Stories of deaths tangled in bureaucracy and breakdowns have become dismally common in India, where deaths on Wednesday officially surged past 200,000. But the true death toll is believed to be far higher.

In India, mortality data was poor even

before the pandemic, with most people dying at home and their deaths often going unregistered. The practice is particularly prevalent in rural areas, where the virus is now spreading fast.

This is partly why this nation of nearly 1.4 billion has recorded fewer deaths than Brazil and Mexico, which have smaller populations and fewer confirmed COVID-19 cases.

While determining exact numbers in a pandemic is difficult, experts say an overreliance on official data that didn't reflect the true extent of infections contributed to authorities being blindsided by a huge surge in recent weeks.

India had thought the worst was over when cases ebbed in September. But infections began increasing in February, and on Wednesday, 362,757 new confirmed cases, a global record, pushed the country's total past 17.9 million, second only to the U.S.

Feds raid Giuliani's home, office Wednesday

NEW YORK (AP) — Federal agents raided Rudy Giuliani's Manhattan home and office Wednesday, seizing computers and cellphones in a major escalation of the Justice Department's investigation into the business dealings of former President Donald Trump's personal lawyer.

Giuliani, the 76-year-old former New York City mayor once celebrated for his leadership after 9/11, has been under federal scrutiny for several years over his ties to Ukraine. The dual searches sent the strongest

signal yet that he could eventually face federal charges.

Agents searched Giuliani's Madison Avenue apartment and Park Avenue office, people familiar with the investigation told The Associated Press. The warrants, which required approval from the top levels of the Justice Department, signify that prosecutors believe they have probable cause that Giuliani committed a federal crime — though they do not guarantee that charges will materialize.

Graduating Student Gov. execs say goodbye

By Helena Edwards

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The new Student Government executive board was sworn in on Wednesday and as the year is ending the current executive board reflected on their work for EIU.

Student Body President Noor-Ul-Haash Khamisani is a senior English major minoring in sociology and psychology, planning to pursue a master's in public administration at Syracuse University New York.

She started as a senator in Student Government, then was committee chair for diversity affairs, as well as Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Khamisani said that her favorite memories on the executive board include the interactive events available.

Specifically, for her she said that the "convocation speech, making the dream catcher kits with the president, sexual assault forum, minority talk, were a few of my favorite events. Another thing that makes me satisfied and grateful for my affiliations with student government were the connections and friends I have made. Lastly, the farewell speeches every year at our last meeting have always been very close to my heart."

Khamisani has contributed towards Eastern through the hosting of several events around the theme of diversity & inclusion, community service, mental health, and sexual assault awareness. Few of the events included Minority Talk, Sexual Assault Awareness Forum, revival of Student Dean Advisory Council, Hosted Dining with Deans, EIU SGA newsletter, and much more.

Her advice for the next Student Body President included, "I would say



Noor-Ul-Haash Khamisani

don't stress too much, there will be days you'll have to make tough decisions and people will be mad, but other days people those same people will like you. You carry on doing you! If you are sincere with the student body, know you are on the right track. Being the SBP is not just fancy get ups, a few meetings, speeches, and popularity, it is a burden and responsibility on your shoulders that you have to carry with discipline, dedication, passion, and smart work."

Student Body Vice President Michael Perri is a graduate student getting his master's in political science; public administration and public policy.

As part of Student Senate, he has been senator, committee chair of alumni relations, parliamentarian, and both elected and interim Speaker of the Student Senate.

Perri's contribution to EIU he said was through his work as a student senator setting up a barbecue to help seniors of the time graduating to network with alumni.

As Speaker of Student Senate in the fall of 2019 he worked to get a full student senate that helped Student Government do more and work to their fullest extent.

As the EVP he has laid the ground-



Michael Perri

work for future EVPs to continue Student Action Team as an organization to help raise political awareness on campus.

Perri's advice for the next Student Body EVP included not being afraid to ask for help, especially before getting into a mess of a situation. Perri also said they should not be afraid to speak their mind, especially as a Board of Trustees member among others that are established in their careers, it can be difficult to speak your mind and voice your opinion.

Other pieces of advice he said were to keep expectations realistic and "shoot for the stars, but if you land on the moon that's a win," as well as his final piece of advice being simply to breathe and take personal days if needed.

Student Body Vice-President of Academic Affairs Justin Richards majors in digital media technologies.

He is currently waiting to hear back from graduate schools but plans to get a master's degree in either technology or strategic communications.

Richards was formerly a student senator, committee chair of internal affairs, parliamentarian, and interim speaker of the senate.

One way he accounts for contrib-



Justin Richards

uting to EIU was through coordinating Panther Bash. With the help of Student Government, the University Board, BSU, Greek Life, and other various organizations. He said, "I felt like it was not only fun, but it was good for the students because we weren't sitting in front of screens doing an event. We were getting out and having fun, we get to physically see each other and interact and to be able to provide that was a great deal of fun."

His advice for the next Student VPAA is to, "Be persistent but also know when enough is enough and when to stop." He also gave the advice of, "Don't be afraid to use your voice. When we're in these positions we have to be able to speak up. We are literally elected by the students and put into these positions to represent the entire student body. We have to use our voice and do what we feel is right."

Skylar Coffey is a fourth semester graduate student studying political science and is planning to go to law school to study international and business/corporate law.

She was a Student Senate senator from fall 2018 to fall 2020 and committee chair for student affairs from fall 2019 to spring 2020.



Skylar Coffey

She recalled that the executive board gets along better than she thinks an executive board has in a long time. She said, "We're able to get a lot done, be serious, but when the job is done, we can laugh and enjoy our friendship."

She said her favorite memories are "eating lunch with the executive board members in the office! It's a simple thing, but with COVID, we've not been able to do much as a group."

Coffey accounted for two events that she helped with that she felt had great impact for Eastern.

The first was the #EJUnited Against Asian Hate Virtual Candlelight Vigil.

Another event was with Richards that included putting together COVID-19 care packages for students in quarantine.

Coffey said that she cannot wait to get to work with the new student body VPAA.

"I have a lot of faith that whoever is in my position will enjoy their experience as much as I did! My advice would have to be take time for yourself every once in a while! It is easy to get caught up trying to do everything," she said.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Naming Committee does right thing in wrong way

We at The Daily Eastern News applaud the Naming Committee's decision to recommend to rename Douglas Hall.

An entire academic year has been led up to a much awaited answer, and we are pleased to see that the current Naming Committee was able to break the cycle of the committees before them to make the recommendation they did.

Most members being a part of the greater community where renaming Douglas Hall is unpopular and the campus community where a rename is popular, we imagine the process has been difficult for many committee members and we thank them for their work.

However, with our praise comes our disappointment.

During the meeting, the committee violated the Open Meetings Act by taking a secret ballot vote and not recording the vote of each individual. While this was not a major issue because of the committee voting unanimously, it sets a bad precedent that can lead to a slippery slope.

The OMA is important and that is proven every time it is tested. It keeps officials and leaders working in the public eye and it keeps them honest.

No one wants to be kept in the dark about things that impact them or even things that do not have an impact on them. Regardless, it is their right to know how people are voting on their behalf.

We understand that some members of the committee believed that the vote was a "moot point" as it was a unanimous vote, but we at The Daily Eastern News believe keep our readers informed will never be a moot point.

We will continue to hold those in positions of power at Eastern accountable and fight for our community to be involved in their campus.

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BY ZACH BERGER

We got through a stressful semester

We have finally reached the final week of a long and stressful semester. I have said this time and time again, but this school year was especially tough on all of us.

This school year, like every other year, came with all the usual stressors: working on overwhelming assignments, dealing with familial responsibilities, paying for tuition, etc.

This school year, unlike any other year, those hardships were amplified by the pandemic and all the problems that came with that: trying not to catch COVID, being unable to see loved ones, etc.

Like everyone else, this school year hit me hard.

I came into this school year hopeful and optimistic. I was excited to live on campus, write for the Daily Eastern News, work alongside my friends in the LASO executive board as the secretary and of course learn all there is to know about writing from my professors and peers.

I am leaving this school year more burnt out than ever. After a school year of not taking classes in person, not seeing my friends or family of



Kyara Morales-Rodriguez

ten and not having any actual breaks, I lost all my motivation.

My lack of motivation caused me to go weeks at a time without completing any assignments and now I'm suffering the consequences of that.

But I'm determined to push through and catch up, because I am more ready than ever to go home and have a long, relaxing summer.

I plan on treating myself by having the most fun summer ever, or as fun as it can be indoors. (I still want to protect myself and my family from

COVID, and that means staying home.)

But that doesn't mean I can't still have fun. I plan on spending lots of time with my sisters, reading and writing recreationally, and playing the "Marvel's Spider-Man: Miles Morales" video game that's waiting for me back home.

Probably what I am most excited for this summer is playing with the Nintendo Switch Lite I recently bought, something I've been wanting to buy for a while now.

I never buy myself any gifts, and I thought that after the year I've had, it's the least I deserve.

I think that this summer, my fellow EIU community, you should spend your summer the way you want to.

I urge you to do the things you want (safely, of course), take care of your mental health and take that time to recharge. Hopefully by fall semester, we will be ready and excited to return to campus.

We deserve it, EIU. We deserve it.

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Minecraft speedrunning adds dimension

Minecraft is a game known for its simplicity and tranquility. A player spawns into an entirely unique world, gathers wood, crafts tools and begins to prepare for the upcoming monster-filled nights ahead. While there is a final boss, part of the beauty of the game is that there isn't really a final objective. Players have the freedom to build, explore, battle or engineer efficient technology.

Some players use this freedom to play the game at the highest level. Their objective is to beat the final boss, the Ender Dragon, as fast as possible. These players are known as speedrunners, and they are probably the most skilled Minecraft players I've seen. Their knowledge of the game runs deep and their mechanical skills are honed over the course of long Twitch livestreams.

The main category that players speedrun, or at least the one I enjoy watching the most, is random seed glitchless. This basically means the runner spawns in with no knowledge of the world around them and must beat the game without using any glitches. There are dozens of other categories, some more niche than others,



Ryan Meyer

played across different versions of the game.

In less than a year, I've watched as so many new strategies have been implemented to try and optimize categories and help runners achieve faster and faster times. I don't even know how many times world records have been swapped since speedrunning exploded a while ago.

Although the community is growing, it's important to note some of the people who were speedrunning Minecraft before it blew up, like Illumina. His former world record video in the version 1.7.2 was one of the first videos I saw

that got me interested in playing the game fast.

Watching others play the game is the easiest way to pick up new tactics and other things to improve your own playstyle. Also, when a streamer gets on a good pace and you're watching live, it's incredibly exciting to feel like a part of it.

One of my favorite streamers is Feinberg, who is not only one of the most cracked Minecraft players I've ever seen, he is also hilarious and not afraid to speak his mind.

The community is at a size where a lot of people know when there's a new world record, but it's small enough that it doesn't feel like a mass of people clamoring for attention, like other Minecraft communities.

Speedrunning has reintroduced an aspect of Minecraft to me I never considered as a kid, and I'm grateful for this. It's fun to play the game slow, but it's fun and exciting to play the game fast.

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Bonnie Laughlin-Schultz, associate professor of history, said during the all-faculty forum that she did not believe the building was needed for commemorating the debates. “I think that the debates are commemorated here. They’re commemorated at the fairgrounds, we have those statues of Lincoln and Douglas debating that appear in the other debate cities as well with a museum, with a plaque that really does a great job of contextualizing and dealing honestly with them.” “So I don’t think that they also need to be commemorated on campus.”

Members of the committee cited the majority opinion as a reason to recommend a name change.

Carlos Amaya said the only place in which he had seen many people wishing to retain the name were

members of the surrounding community.

“Everybody else, the students, the faculty, employees, is in favor of renaming the building,” Amaya said.

Amaya said the values of today are not the same as the values of those when the building was originally named. He added that he believed the committee should listen to the students on the matter because the students are why the university exists.

Mona Davenport agreed that student voices should have had a large part to play in the committee’s final decision.

“(Student) were all animated about ‘let’s make a difference, make a change and do what’s right,’” Davenport said.

She said she felt “adamant about standing for our students because those are the ones who we are educating and those are the ones who we have to set the example for.”

Another highly discussed topic of the committee was commemoration versus history.

Don Holly said the two should not be viewed as the same thing.

“History is not commemoration. History is critical and scholarship, commemoration is marketing. Commemoration is a poor way to do or teach history. If you really want to honor history here, you honor the debate. It’s absolutely clear to me that the people who named these buildings intended to honor the debate. There were two buildings, they looked exactly the same and they were going up at the exact the same time (if there was only one building to name) they certainly would not have named it for Douglas, but unfortunately, as a standalone building it does appear to honor Douglas,” Holly said.

“This is a problem that no number of informative plaques will be able to correct and it’s a problem because Douglas was a racist and a

slave owner and a good percentage of our student body of color will be compelled to live in a building that bears his name.”

Holly added that he did not believe Douglas was worthy of the commemoration he receives with the hall’s name.

“We have heard that Douglas was merely a populist who wanted to simply give people the choice if they wanted slavery or not but I don’t understand how you can give some people the freedom to chose if other people have theirs. The way that Douglas got to there logically was of course by arguing that Black people weren’t entirely people; I don’t think this is a position to commemorate. Some have said if you honor this debate, you honor both sides of it, I disagree,” Holly said. “You can have a commemorative Battle of the Bulge Hall and it wouldn’t imply that the Nazis had a point. Charleston, indeed, was a kind of battleground, maybe one of

the most important in our nation’s history.”

Naming Committee Chair Angie Campbell said spoke with many people who said they did not want to respond to the survey out a fear of judgement or retaliation. She added the committee and Glassman should consider those concerns; however, the survey did not require individuals to identify themselves.

Some committee members expressed they felt those people should have voiced their opinions when they had the chance.

“I don’t think we should go through the process of trying to imagine survey responses that were never submitted. You had the opportunity to submit it and if you didn’t, you didn’t,” Holly said. “We can’t imagine all of the people who decided not to do it for this or that reason.”

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from each of the voting members, I acknowledged the outcome of the vote (six to zero in favor of recommending the renaming Douglas Hall) by voice to the committee members. That vote – through Zoom’s chat function – was viewable only to myself. Upon advice of University Counsel, we understand that this vote through the chat function was improper, as it was not available to the public.

We believe posting the contents of the vote chat with the meeting’s recording is the best remedy.

... I apologize for this procedural oversight in the virtual environment. Please know I remain personally committed to ensuring that the activity of EIU’s Naming Committee remains as transparent as possible in our current, nontraditional virtual meeting environment.”

After some discussion amongst the committee during the meeting, Wetstein took the vote from the committee via Zoom messaging without a roll call vote.

When asked what section of the OMA the committee was taking a secret ballot vote under, Wetstein expressed he did not know what section of the act would allow for such a vote to be taken.

“I honestly am not chapter and verse on what section of the Open Meetings Act, however, I think the question might be moot since the vote was unanimous. I’m happy to discuss that with the representatives of the press, everyone knows who is in attendance and they know that the vote was unanimous,” Wetstein said.

“Procedurally, I would offer if there’s any voting member of this committee at this time that believes that I have recorded the vote incorrectly, I would certainly invite them to make a motion to the chair for a recount and/or for a vote in open.

The committee then voted on retaking the vote as a roll call vote. Naming Committee Chair Angie

Campbell, Mona Davenport and Carlos Amaya voted against retaking the vote as a role call vote, Claudia Janssen-Danyi and Don Holly voted in favor or retaking the vote and Diane Burns abstained.

Before taking the vote Campbell said she did not want to retake the vote just because of outside pressure to do so, saying the that not using a roll call vote was typical.

“It’s a unanimous vote, I understand that, I’m happy to (do a roll call vote) if we have to but, again, as Don suggested, if we were in any other meeting that’s traditionally the way it’s done, with a piece of paper and you pass it forward,” Campbell said. “At this point, I honestly don’t feel it’s

necessary but if that’s what we need to do as a committee, and again I want to stress that, as a committee, not from outside pressure, but as a committee if we feel we need to do that I’ll move forward with a public vote.”

Burns requested it be put on the record she said the committee followed Robert’s Rules of Order.

A representative of The Daily Eastern News and a representative of the Journal Gazette /Times Courier requested it be put on the record that they objected to the vote due to the question of its legality.

A second vote was not taken.

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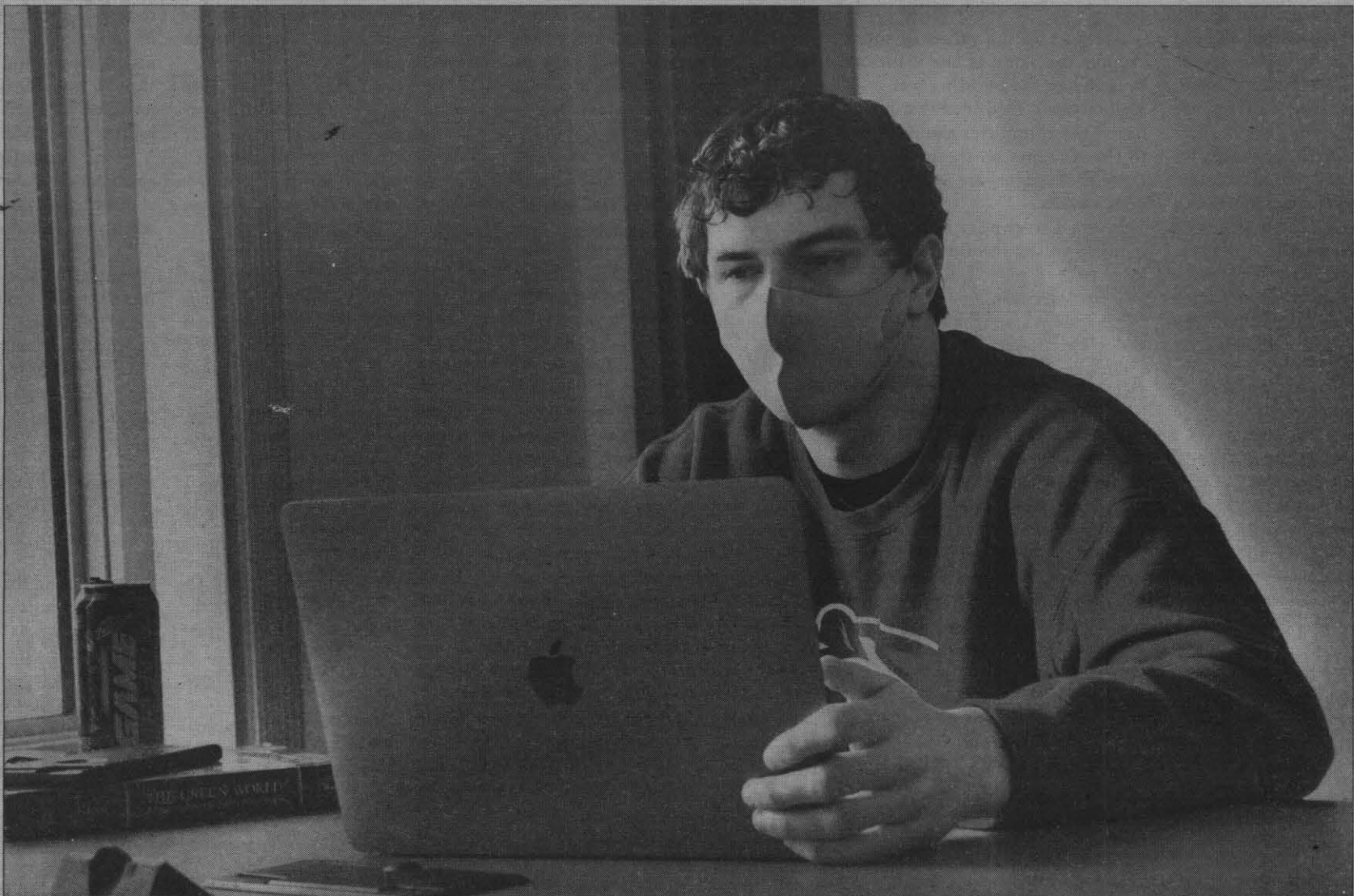
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More tests and still more questions about the Tokyo Olympics

TOKYO (AP) — The Tokyo Olympics open in under three months and there are still more questions than answers despite the rollout Wednesday of new rule books to explain how the games will take place in the middle of a surging pandemic in Japan.

The 60-page, second version of the “Playbooks” for athletes was released by the International Olympic Committee and the local organizers.

Versions for other non-athlete groups are to be released later. And a third version will come out in June, just weeks before the Olympics open on July 23.

More testing for everyone was the key highlight on Wednesday:

- All participants will have to pass two COVID-19 tests before leaving their home country. And they will be tested upon arrival in Japan.
- Athletes will be tested daily, as will those in close proximity to athletes.
- Other games participants will be tested daily for the first three days, and then as required.
- All games participants must use dedicated vehicles and avoid public transportation for the first 14 days.
- Games participants must eat only

in specified locations, including catering facilities at games venues. Athletes will be dining in the Athletes Village, which will be an isolated “bubble.”

- Game participants will avoid a 14-day quarantine rule for entering Japan, but to do so they must fill out a schedule listing their plans for that period, and also download a tracking app.
- A decision about capacity at the venues will be made in June. Fans from abroad were banned several months ago.

“We are in a very tense situation,” Tokyo organizing committee president Seiko Hashimoto said after an online meeting with the IOC. “A full stadium is possible depending on the situation. So is 50%, 20,000, 10,000, 5,000 and no spectators. Those are the ranges. While we are prepared as the last possible option to have the games with no spectators — since we have the current situation under the state of emergency — we have hope that fans are possible.”

Athletes will also have to sign a promise they will follow the rules in Playbook. This will apply to athletes and participants with vaccines as well as those without vaccines.

“There will be a written pledge and

if that is not complied with, there will be a certain level of penalty,” said Toshiro Muto, the CEO of the organizing committee. “We expect that these people will comply with the rules because Playbooks are the rules.”

He did not specify a penalty, but the loss of a credential and expulsion was hinted at.

IOC President Thomas Bach offered his own take on enforcement.

“We will strictly enforce these rules and will take care of the full compliance by all participants,” he said. “If the situation should require it, we are also ready to take even stricter measures.”

The timing of the second edition of the Playbooks is not ideal.

Tokyo, Osaka and several others areas came under a third state of emergency this week, and the death toll in Japan from COVID-19 has passed 10,000.

The numbers are good by global standards, but poor compared with other places in Asia, such as Taiwan, Vietnam, Thailand or South Korea.

Tokyo recorded more than 900 new cases on Wednesday, its highest level in three months as new variants are popping up in the country.

NFL draft could see record run of quarterbacks taken

As soon as the San Francisco 49ers traded three first round picks to move up to No. 3 overall, it became clear that quarterbacks would come off the board at a record pace at the NFL draft.

While QBs are widely expected to go 1-2-3 for just the third time in the common draft era that started in 1967, there are still questions about how many others will follow in the top 10 and first round.

Trevor Lawrence and Zach Wilson are expected to be the top two picks, to Jacksonville and the New York Jets, with the Niners likely choosing among Mac Jones, Trey Lance and Justin Fields at No. 3.

That would match 1971 (Jim Plunkett, Archie Manning, Dan Pastorini) and 1999 (Tim Couch, Donovan McNabb, Akili Smith) as the only drafts with quarterbacks taken with the top three picks.

A record could be set with four QBs going in the top four if Atlanta drafts the successor to Matt Ryan or trades down to a quarterback-needy team.

If Fields, Jones and Lance all get taken in the top 10, that would also be a first, beating the four top-10 QBs taken in the 2018 draft when Baker Mayfield, Sam Darnold, Josh Allen and Josh Rosen all went off the board quickly.

All five of those QBs are almost as-

surely first-round picks, something that also happened in 1999 when the five came off in the top 12, and in 2018 when Lamar Jackson was picked 32nd to join the four top-10 QBs.

If somehow, Kyle Trask, Kellen Mond or Davis Mills go off the board late in the first round, the 2021 draft could match the 1983 class with six first-round QBs.

That class that featured Hall of Famers John Elway, Jim Kelly and Dan Marino, along with Todd Blackledge, Tony Eason and Ken O’Brien, is widely considered the best ever for quarterbacks.

With Lawrence set to be the 26th quarterback to be picked first overall since the merger, quarterbacks will account for exactly half of the top picks since 1970.

This will be the sixth time in the past seven years that a QB went first overall, with Cleveland defensive end Myles Garrett the only other player to break through in 2017.

It wasn’t always this way, with a stretch from 1994-97 when the top picks were defensive tackle Dan Wilkinson, running back Ki-Jana Carter, receiver Keyshawn Johnson and tackle Orlando Pace.

There was even an 11-year stretch from 1976-86 when Elway was the only QB to go first overall.

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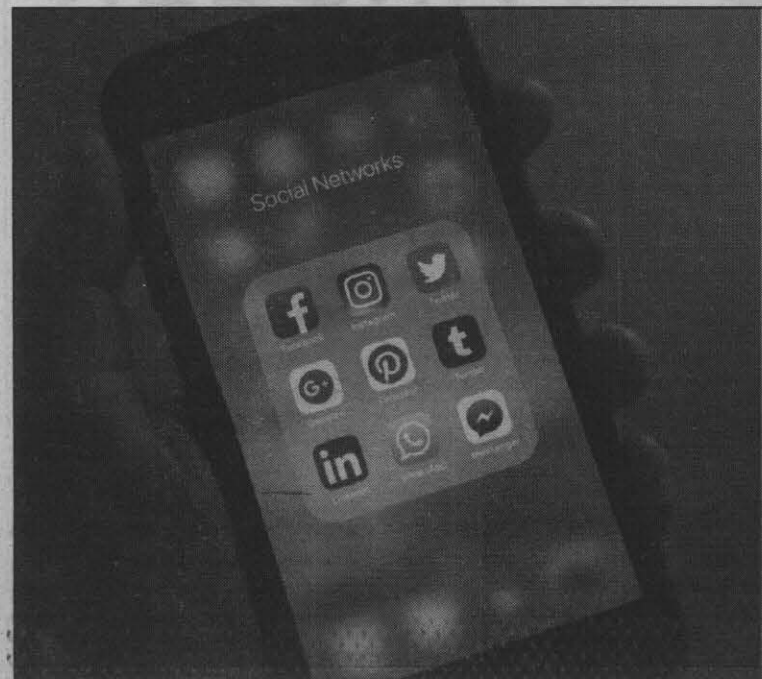
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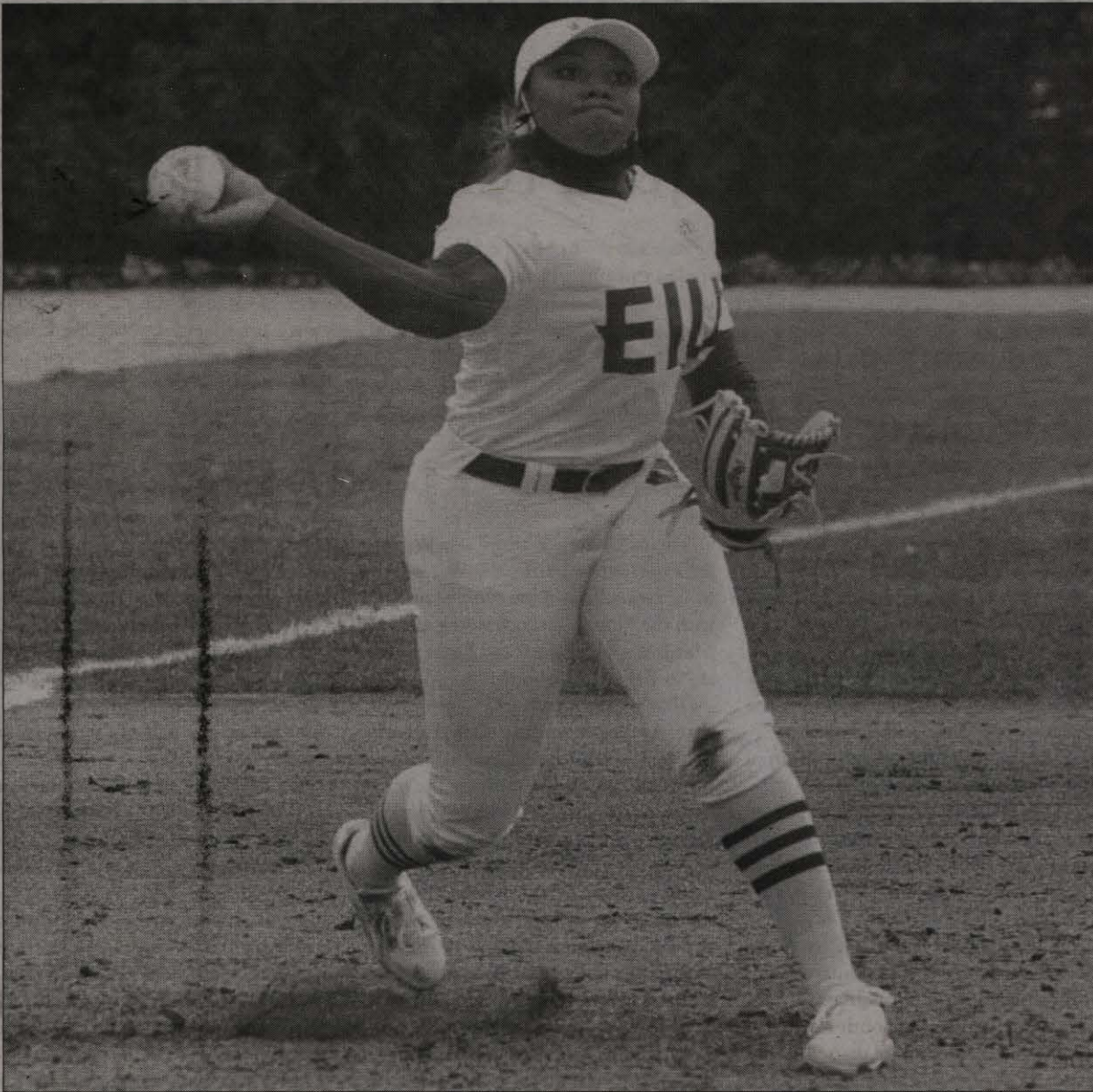


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Panthers in 7th place in OVC standings



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Eastern third baseman Aniya Holt throws to first base after fielding a ground ball in a game against Belmont on March 13 at Williams Field.

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The Eastern softball team has cooled off after a hot start to the conference season.

After a 7-2 start, the Panthers have gone 5-10 over their last 15 OVC games and are now in seventh place in the standings with just six games left on the schedule.

Eastern's offense has not been an issue this season, having scored the fourth most runs in the conference with 122.

They also lead the conference with 31 home runs, rank second in team slugging percentage (.467) and third in stolen bases (43).

The Panthers' pitching has not been quite as productive.

Eastern's team ERA of 4.19 ranks ninth in the OVC although the Eastern staff has been effective in limiting home runs, allowing just nine this season, the fewest in the conference.

The have also limited walks, surrendering the third-fewest walks in the conference (39).

Two teams are sitting at the top of the conference standings comfortably.

They are Eastern Kentucky, which is 21-5 in OVC play, and Southeast Missouri with its 16-5 conference record. Third-place Austin Peay has as many conference losses as these two teams combined.

Austin Peay also leads the OVC in runs with 139 while Southeast Missouri and Eastern Kentucky rank second and third in runs re-

spectively.

Southeast Missouri's team batting average of .348 is the best in the OVC by a wide margin.

The Redhawks are also the conference's top pitching team with an ERA of 1.78 and the lowest opponent's batting average in the conference (.194).

Eastern Kentucky has pitcher well also, ranking second with a team ERA of 2.20.

Morehead State has struggled throughout the year, sitting in last place with a conference record of 3-20. They have scored the fewest runs in the conference (48) and have the highest team ERA (5.51).

Individually, Eastern shortstop Megan Burton is leading the conference with 16 home runs, which is a single-season record for Eastern and has her tied for ninth in the nation.

On the mound, Tennessee-Martin's Alexis Groet has been perhaps the top pitcher in the conference.

She ranks fourth with 80.2 innings pitched while leading the OVC with 1.39 ERA. Her 74 strikeouts rank third.

Southeast Missouri's Rachel Rook leads the conference with 90 strikeouts and ranks third with a 1.57 ERA.

Eastern's best pitcher has been Jade Montgomery who ranks 12th with a 3.05 ERA and is tied for sixth with 78 innings pitched this season.

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